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Springhill Lake Elementary students hold a sign as they prepare to walk to school on Wednesday, October 2. See story, p.16.

## Public Forum Airs Candidate Agreements and Disagreements

by Gracie Todd

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The City Council Candidates Meet and Greet on Thursday, October 3, gave the public a chance to meet candidates, displayed council alarm about a potential maglev project and raised questions about establishment government.

Including the candidates, there were about 25 attendees at the

televised forum. Rohanie Bacchus, a representative of the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition, which hosted the forum, said this low turnout is typical, and is likely due to the low number of candidates.

"If there were more candidates running, we would have more people," Bacchus said.

There are eight candidates running for seven seats: Emmett Jordan, Edward Putens, Rodney Roberts, Judith Davis, Silke

Pope, Colin Byrd, Leta Mach and William Orleans, the lone non-incumbent.

A ninth former candidate – Danielle "Li'l Dan" Celdran – was present but had dropped out of the race due to missing a deadline to submit a candidate packet. Submitting the paperwork now would entail a fee, and Celdran is running a finance-free campaign so opted instead to

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## FPAB Revises Stewardship Guidelines at Worksession

by Matthew Arbach

On Wednesday, September 25, representatives of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) shared edits to the portion of the City Code that spells out the Forest Preserve Code, Stewardship Guidelines and Health Assessment at a worksession of the Greenbelt City Council. In general, council's reaction was that the revisions were very helpful, achieving greater conciseness and clarity and being more comprehensive, providing additional information and detailed protocols. The council applauded their efforts toward what Mayor Emmett Jordan characterized as a living document that continues to be a work in progress.

Legislated by the city in October 2003, the Forest Preserve (FP) comprises 254.8 acres over five tracts. According to their new guidelines, the FP is land "protected and conserved in their

existing natural state, for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations, providing a link between residents of the city and nature."

In May 2007, the city established the FPAB to provide advisory guidance to council on the formulation of policy related to the stewardship of the FP, the designation of FP areas, and any other matters including health and condition of the FP and educational, interpretive and maintenance programs, according to Section 12-143 of the revised City Code.

FPAB member Donna Hoffmeister began the meeting by laying out the modifications that have been made to the City Code. A major point was the use of the word stewardship in place of maintenance, as the former reflects a more active approach for protecting and conserving this

dynamic ecosystem, according to the 2019 Guidelines. These guidelines are cited as a definitive resource in regards to issues and procedures.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts had misgivings about Section

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### What Goes On

**Tuesday, October 15**  
**8 p.m.** City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

**Wednesday, October 16**

**8 p.m.** City Council Worksession with County Council Chair Todd Turner, Community Center

**Saturday, October 19**

**9 a.m. to noon**, Shredding Day, Parking Lot behind Credit Union

by Cathie Meetre

*This is part one of a two-part series about a recent worksession at which the Greenbelt City Council was briefed on the proposed Prince George's County zoning changes which will likely be voted on in November, 2020.*

Rezoning and the county's master plan have long been a source of concern for Greenbelt. In particular, zoning of the center of town and Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) are fraught because at various times, rezoning has resulted in development unacceptable to the city but that it was powerless to stop. In Prince George's County, zoning is in the hands of the county and municipalities can only protest and oppose. At various points in the

last 50 years, the voice of the city has been drowned out by actions of the county in approving zoning at densities and for purposes opposed by the city and applauded by developers.

On October 23, 2018, the county council adopted in principle a new master zoning plan but it will not take effect until it is approved by vote, probably in November 2020. During the interim, there is a process called the Countywide Sectional Map Amendment (CMA) that is executed to ensure that the public has the chance to be heard and that conflicts are considered, if not resolved. The rezoning affects some 320,000 households, although Chad Williams from the county planning office, who gave

the briefing, was at pains to note that 97 percent of all properties map one to one to the new classifications. There will be about 300 meetings with stakeholders for outreach and education – this is in addition to earlier sessions, public hearings and planned mailings. Williams congratulated Greenbelt on being the first to request a briefing, continuing its unbroken record of such firsts.

Williams pointed listeners to the county's rewrite website ([pgccouncil.us/589/Zoning-Ordinance-Rewrite-Portal](http://pgccouncil.us/589/Zoning-Ordinance-Rewrite-Portal)) as a source of additional information. It has numerous resources and links to relevant documents and tools as well as answers to

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PHOTO BY STEVE BUCCA

Big Band Tradition performs at JazzFest. See story, p.16.

## Absentee Voting, Early Voting Available to Voters Next Week

by Kathleen Gallagher

It's hard to believe. Given that at this writing not all the candidate signs are posted, little campaign literature has surfaced, there is still Q&A to be dealt with in this paper, and the number of candidates running for city council has barely settled down, it's hard to believe that Greenbelters will be able to start voting next week if they prefer not to go to the polling location in their precinct on Tuesday, November 5.

While voters will encounter no ballot issues to vote on this year and there may not be strong competition to determine who will serve on the council, those who vote in this election will likely determine which two candidates will serve as mayor and mayor pro tem. It is up to the newly-elected councilmembers to choose the mayor and mayor pro tem, but historically the council has followed the popular vote by

electing the highest vote-getter mayor and the second highest mayor pro tem.

Most Greenbelt voters will continue to visit with neighbors and cast their ballots in the time-honored tradition at their precincts on Election Day. Those who prefer to vote earlier, or in the comfort of their own homes or using a paper ballot, have two other alternatives. Absentee voting by machine-readable paper ballot opens next Wednesday, October 16. Early voting, using the same type of scannable paper ballot, will open at various neighborhood polling places on Saturday, October 12.

Any qualified city voter who wishes to vote early or vote by mail may do so. It is no longer necessary for the voter to provide an excuse for not being able to go to the polls to vote on Election Day.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Ballot Name Strike

Misreading the fine print, I was late in turning in my financial packet (from my finance-free campaign). I am no longer a candidate for council this year, thus my name will be removed from the ballot. I will not be considered for write-in as this would mean paying \$50 for the late fee, which I don't have because I will not receive donations/moneys. I will not ask for favoritism. These are the rules and I will abide by them.

I am very proud of my candidacy and accomplishments. I have learned how to better use my creativity and to express myself (e.g., through writing, conversations with community members, community activities) while staying true to myself, no matter how I show up. I have pursued this goal with an open heart and I feel good about it.

I will continue to volunteer, coordinate community events and "stir up the pot." I will continue to take effective action and advocate for an engaged and thriving community. I encourage you to participate, too (if you want).

Trying again in two years!

*Li'l Dan Celdran  
former city council  
candidate 2019*

## Recycling Water To Save Trees

My thanks go to José Paz of WSSC and Carlos Ramirez and

Edgar Fuentes of Capital Paving for helping me reclaim water that was draining from a water line project they were working on near the Lakeside North apartment complex. The water I was able to reclaim watered trees in the Belle Point subdivision of Greenbelt. The two trips I took to capture and haul the water were ever so much easier with their help than they would have been had I had to do all the work myself. A couple of weeks earlier, when WSSC was draining a very large water main in Belle Point, I also reclaimed water for use on the newly planted trees on Prince James Way and some trees in Belle Point that were struggling from the drought. My thanks also go to the WSSC crew members who assisted me in some of that work.

I wish more water could have been captured and given to trees and shrubs in Greenbelt that have been suffering from our recent dry weather. I realize that not all the water could have been saved, but at least much of the tens of thousands of gallons (if not more) that drained into the local storm sewers could have been put to better use. Perhaps WSSC and the City of Greenbelt, as well as other communities that WSSC serves, could work together when hydrants need to be flushed or water mains drained to find a more useful purpose for the water.

Germaine Timmermans

## Correction

There will not be a candidate forum on October 13 as reported in the October 3 News Review.

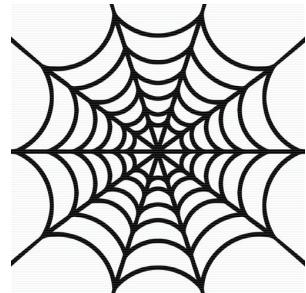
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The News Review reserves the right not to publish any letter submitted. Letters are considered accepted when published.

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All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.

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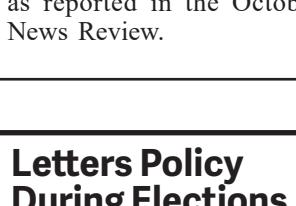


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In the community spirit of supporting the Sunday Farmers Market and with the philosophy of recycling, re-purposing and reusing, these tall plants - the maroon, plumaged Amaranths and also yellow sunflowers - got their roots from Glade Link Farms' flower bouquets from the Market. Seeds were saved, dried up on their own and tossed onto Katrina Boverman's yard to see if they would grow. Look at these Mother Nature masterpieces now!

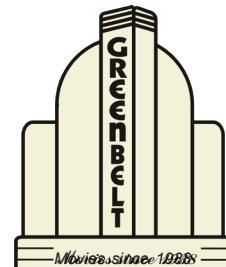


PETE REPPERT

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AND NO RELATIVES ARE VISITING???**

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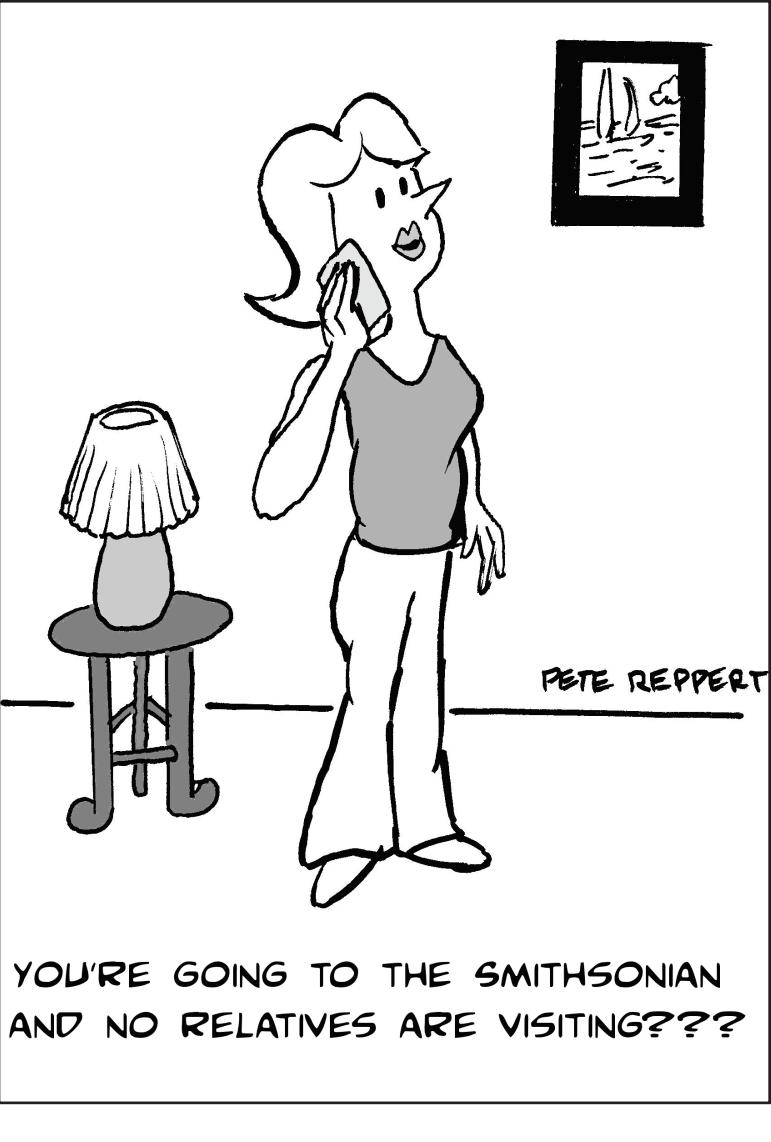
Thurs. 5:00, 8:00 PM

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(NR)(2015)(90 mins)

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Mon. 1:00 PM

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# Community Events

## Help Red Wigglers At the New Deal Café

A group of volunteers helps the New Deal Café recycle their food scraps – an average of 430 pounds a month! The work involves carrying buckets of food scraps, learning about and helping with composting and with feeding the “red wigglers” who live in three big round worm wigwams on the back deck of the Café.

Red wigglers are a special breed of worm, Eisenia fetida, who eat food scraps and produce a highly-valued, rich compost. Anyone who likes the idea of keeping food scraps from the landfill – where they produce methane, one of the worst greenhouse gases – and is interested in learning more about composting is encouraged to participate.

Learn about hot composting and about how to feed the New Deal Café’s red wigglers. Email [NewDealWigglers@gmail.com](mailto:NewDealWigglers@gmail.com) to be shown the ropes . . . er, buckets, wigwams, compost thermometers, shovels and fun fall mornings working together.

## Learn to Hot Compost At Springhill Lake

Learn how to recycle food scraps at the hot compost station near Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Join with neighbors to participate in a system that turns food scraps and wood chips into compost. Keep food scraps from creating methane at the landfill. Instead, return them to the earth to nurture new plants and flowers.

A free 90-minute training session will be held on Saturday, October 12 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Additional trainings are scheduled for Saturdays, November 9 and December 7 at the same time and place.

To participate and sign up for training, apply online at [tinyurl.com/GBCapp1](http://tinyurl.com/GBCapp1). Send questions to [GreenbeltNeighborhoodCompost@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltNeighborhoodCompost@gmail.com).

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of October 14 are as follows:

Monday, October 14: site closed for Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 15: sloppy joe, potato wedges, hot spiced pears, coleslaw, whole-wheat hamburger bun, fruit punch

Wednesday, October 16: breaded chicken patty with marinara sauce, whole-grain garlic rotini, Italian bread, pineapple tidbits, apple juice

Thursday, October 17: pork loin with gravy, black-eyed peas, sliced carrots, whole-wheat roll, fresh fruit, orange juice

Friday, October 18: creamy tikka chicken, parslid rice, garlic parmesan cauliflower, naan bread, mandarin oranges, apple juice.

## At the Library

Greenbelt Library hours: Monday and Tuesday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

All Prince George’s County Memorial Library System branches will be closed on Monday, October 14, for Staff Development Day. The Greenbelt Library will reopen on Tuesday, October 15, at 1 p.m.

### English Conversation

Tuesday, October 15, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. The club meets weekly as a walk-in event on Tuesday evenings.

### Weekly Storytimes

Tuesday, October 15, 7 p.m., ages 3 to 5, limit 30 people. Wednesday, October 16, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3, limit 30 people. Thursday, October 17, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s).

### African History Lecture

Tuesday, October 15, 7 p.m. Science in Ancient and Medieval Africa will be the next session in the lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs. No registration is required.

### Book Discussion

Tuesday, October 15, 7 p.m. Join friends and neighbors to discuss great contemporary books every month. This month’s book is *What the Eyes Don’t See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City* by Mona Hanna-Attisha.

### Kids Achieve Club

Thursday, October 17, 4 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Homework help and reading practice for students in grades 1 through 6. Ayuda con las tareas y práctica de la lectura para los estudiantes en los grados de 1 al 6. Service provided during half-hour sessions by appointment only; call the library to register at 301-345-5800 option 2.

### Bibliobop Dance Party

Saturday, October 19, 10:30 a.m., ages 2 to 5. Calling all preschoolers and toddlers. Come bust a move and shake the sillies out. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop. This event is presented every third Saturday of each month. No registration is required.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## Sign Up Now For Rafael’s Race

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA is sponsoring the annual Rafael’s Race 1K fun run and 5K race on Saturday, October 12. The event remembers Rafael Martins, a GES student who died in 2009, and raises funds the PTA provides to support student field trips. Both runs start and end at Greenbelt Elementary School, with the 1K starting at 8:40 a.m. and the 5K at 9 a.m. Registration and more information are available at the GES PTA website: [bit.ly/RR\\_GESPTA](http://bit.ly/RR_GESPTA).

Friday, October 18: creamy tikka chicken, parslid rice, garlic parmesan cauliflower, naan bread, mandarin oranges, apple juice.

## Support Group For Widowed Persons

A free support group to help men and women who have recently lost their spouses will begin Saturday, October 19, at the Community Center. The sessions will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. each Saturday for six weeks. Registration is requested before the group starts. To get more information and to register, call 301-693-5210 or visit [wisboy929@yahoo.com](mailto:wisboy929@yahoo.com). This support group is presented by Patuxent Widowed Persons Service and is supported by community organizations.

## Medicare Part D Open Enrollment

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program will be providing Medicare Part D enrollment review for Greenbelt residents beginning on Tuesday, October 15. Open enrollment runs from October 15 to December 7. For a review of pricing for prescriptions in 2020 and a determination of subsidy eligibility, schedule an appointment with Christal Batey, community resource advocate, at 240-542-2012. All appointments will be held at the Municipal Center, 25 Crescent Road, 2nd floor. Bring your Medicare card and a list of prescriptions with dosage and frequency to your appointment.

## Troop 214 Congratulates New Eagle Scouts

Boys Troop 214 is pleased to announce: Andrew Gardner, Jordan Williams and Jayden Dirksen have all recently earned the Eagle Scout award, the BSA’s highest advancement award. These local scouts are among the approximately 6 percent of all Scouts who attain the Eagle rank, according to Scoutmaster Shawn Scoles. Each Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges and successfully complete a community, church or school-related service project to earn their Eagle rank.

The Boy’s Troop 214 and Girl’s Troop 214 meet weekly from August to June at the Prince George’s Elks Lodge at 6700 Kenilworth Avenue in Riverdale on Thursday nights. The troops are currently accepting new member applications for boys and girls ages 11 to 17 interested in leadership, camping and adventure activities.

## Arts Mixer Brings City County Together

Tuesday, October 15 at 5:30 p.m. the New Deal Café will be the place to be if you want to know what’s going on in the arts scene in town and throughout Prince George’s County. The mixer, a free event, is an idea sparked by the Arts Advisory Board and the Recreation Department Director of the Arts for Greenbelt, Nicole DeWald. It is a wonderful opportunity for local artists – whether visual artists or performers, producers or local sponsors – to share experiences, insights and motivations. What will be different about this mixer is that it features an upcoming production of the Prince George’s County Arts and Humanities Council entitled Prince George’s Got Talent show. It features talented dancers, a very creative juggler, vocalists and former Greenbelter, Jim Olson, on the piano. For more information and to reserve a space (requested but not required), email [Aileen@dynamic-governance.org](mailto:Aileen@dynamic-governance.org).

## Growing Greenbelt’s Leadership Workshop

Join the Center for Dynamic Community Governance on Sunday, November 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. for the third and final workshop on Growing Greenbelt’s Leadership through the use of dynamic community governance tools and strategies. The workshop is open to community organizers, local business people and anyone looking to grow their leadership and governance skills, with an emphasis on consent-based decision-making. One-on-one sessions are also available upon request.

The workshop will be held at the Schrom Hills Recreation Center, 6915 Hanover Parkway. The training is free. For more information and to reserve a space (requested but not required), email [Aileen@dynamic-governance.org](mailto:Aileen@dynamic-governance.org).

The Greenbelt Community Foundation’s support makes this program possible.

## Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense

Kathie Flamm, representing the Prince George’s County Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, will speak at the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club meeting Friday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway. For more information about the Roosevelt Club, contact Club President Nicole Williams at 202-321-4207 or visit their website at [rooseveltclub.com](http://rooseveltclub.com).



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### Program Schedule

Friday Oct 11 - Thursday Oct 17

7 am Greenbelt News Reel  
Utopia FF Previews!

8 am Democracy Now!

9 am Classic Film: *Wasp Woman* (1959) Roger Corman

11 am Greenbelt Discussion

12 pm Greenbelt News Reel  
Utopia FF Previews!

1 pm Greenbelt Cooperatives

2 pm Greenbelt News Reel  
Utopia FF Previews!

3 pm Classic Film: *Wasp Woman* (1959) Roger Corman

5 pm Strata (Archaeology)

6 pm Greenbelt News Reel  
Utopia FF Previews!

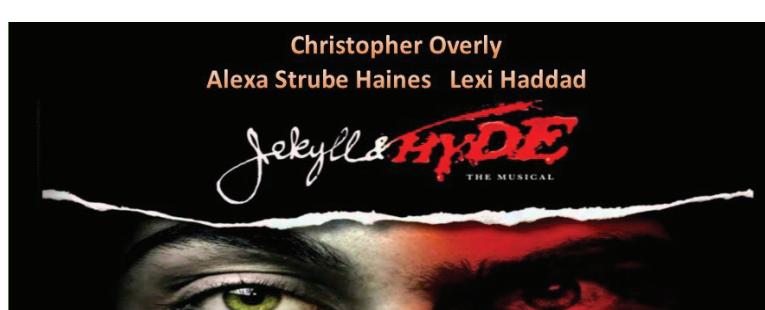
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### LAST CHANCE TO SEE

## Jekyll and Hyde: The Musical

A guest production from the Wolf Pack Theatre Company

October 11 & 12 at 8PM

Final Sunday Matinees: October 13 at 2PM

Ticket prices:

\$27 General Admission, \$24 Seniors/Military, \$14 Student/Youth

A portion of Jekyll and Hyde the Musical's proceeds will be utilized for Community Crisis Services suicide prevention/intervention efforts.

Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center

Oct 14 & 15 AUDITIONS - *Quadrille: A Romantic Play*

Oct 25 - Nov 10 - *Motherhood Out Loud*

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Condolences to Greenbelt Community Church Pastor Glenyyce Grindstaff whose stepfather died recently in Michigan.

Congratulations to Silas Fishburne, who has completed Instructor Level 2 and 3 training and has entered his probationary period to become an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute. He will be co-teaching an introductory class next semester with his mentor.

Congratulations to Olympic hopeful Anna Avila, who, although not a Greenbelter, is the granddaughter of Leta and Darrel Mach. Based on her performance this past season in her triathlon races and her national ranking status, she is one of 14 girls across the U.S. to be invited to a training camp at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. She'll be going out there for a few days in mid-November to stay and train at the OTC.

Congratulations to Jesse Goldberg-Strassler, former Greenbelt News Review delivery person, who was selected as the Minor League Baseball Broadcaster of the Year. This is the quote from Ballpark Digest in their announcement of Jesse's award:

"Broadcasters are high-profile representatives of their teams, known for their skills behind the microphone, their ability to connect to their local communities, and for making an impact in the industry. Our 2019 Minor League Baseball Broadcaster of the Year is Jesse Goldberg-Strassler, the voice of the Lansing Lugnuts.

He was named the Midwest League Broadcaster of the Year in 2013. The author of The Baseball Thesaurus and The Football Thesaurus, Goldberg-Strassler is also known for his annual recreation game, as well his hosting duties on the Around the Nest Toronto Blue Jays podcast."

Congratulations to Lester Whitner for earning a 30-year pin for his time on the Greenbelt Parks and Recreation Board. The pin was presented at an October 6 banquet honoring all members of the city advisory committees and boards.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



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## Blessing of the Animals

The annual Greenbelt Blessing of the Animals took place Sunday afternoon, October 6 at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ. Rev. Glenyyce Grindstaff was not present due to the death of her stepfather, so Pastor Fay Lundin

of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church officiated. WAGS (Well-wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter) sponsored a craft giveaway of bandannas, parsley-pinecones, bird beads and catnip toys.



Human and animal participants in the Blessing of Animals pose in front of Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ.

## Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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For further information and to register, contact [adw.org/the-way-retreat](http://adw.org/the-way-retreat) or Deborah McDonald at [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org) or 301-853-4466.

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
Find us on [facebook.com/mowattumc](https://facebook.com/mowattumc)  
301-474-9410  
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10 a.m.  
The Lord is near. Philippians 4:5

## Are you looking for a Jewish community in Greenbelt?



Join Mishkan Torah for a pre-Sukkot BBQ on Sunday, Oct. 13 from 4-6 PM. Current and prospective members, friends and neighbors of all ages are invited!

RSVP via evite (<http://evite.me/NBdXUMWRyR>) or by phone (301-474-4223) or email ([membership@mishkantorah.org](mailto:membership@mishkantorah.org)).

## Christian Science Church

8300 Adelphi Road,  
Hyattsville, MD



"The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive. Psalms

**Sunday School 10:30 a.m.**

**Church Service 10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday meeting 7:30 p.m.**

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Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21

Luke 20: 27-38

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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi

Phone: 301-937-3666      [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

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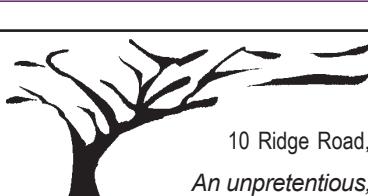


October 13 10 a.m.

**"Restoring Relationships"**

Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister and Trustee Ebony Contreras; with Worship Associate Samantha Evans

The Board has proposed a Covenant of Right Relations and a Destructive Behavior policy for consideration by the congregation. A shared understanding of expectations and increased awareness of how our actions impact others can help us maintain healthy boundaries and healthy relationships. Come explore these with us.



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# City Information & Events

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building, Tuesday, October 15 2019, 8:00 p.m.

### ORGANIZATION

Call to Order

Roll Call

Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations  
(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

Approval of Agenda and Additions

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

- National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- National Breast Cancer Month
- Maryland Economic Development Week

#### Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

### Minutes of Council Meeting

### Administrative Reports

#### \* Committee Reports

\*Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report # 2019-05

(Enhancement to the Sunrise Tract)

\*Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report # 2019-06

(Proposal for a Firefly Sanctuary)

\*Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report #19-8

(Greenbelt Tennis Association Request Concerning Tennis Court Lights)

\*Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report # 19-9

(Proposal for a Firefly Sanctuary)

### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase for Captioning Services from Municipal Captioning Inc. at an estimated cost of \$12,960. 2nd Reading; Adoption

- A Resolution to Authorize the City to Enter Into Informal Cable Franchise Renewal Negotiations with Verizon

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Greenbelt Homes Incorporated Right-of-Way Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- Beltway Plaza Memorandum of Understanding on Conceptual Site Plan Conditions

- Approval of PY 46 Community Development Block Grant Application

- County Legislation - CB 52-2019 (Plastic Straw Ban) & CB 65-2019 (Pesticides)

- Proposed Council Referral to Board of Elections on Candidate Photos

- Opposition to Proposed Bureau of Engraving and Printing Facility at Beltsville Agriculture Research Center Site

- RFQ for Legal Services on the Proposed MAGLEV & Beltway Widening Projects

- Litter at CVS Store on Hanover Parkway

- Council Activities

- Council Reports

\*- Letter of Support for HUD 202 Program

\*- Letter of Support for the Four Cities Coalition Waste Reduction and Education Initiative 2019

\*- Appointment to Advisory Groups

\*- Reappointments to Advisory Groups

\*- Resignation from Advisory Groups

**NOTE:** This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.

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Pumpkin Carving & Decorating \* Community Group Info Tables  
Moonbounces & Inflatables \* Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department  
Trunk or Treat \* KidCare ID's by Greenbelt Police Department



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18th AT THE COMMUNITY  
CENTER FOR  
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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS!

## GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

### MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 14-18

Monday, October 14 at 6:30pm **YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD** at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Tuesday, October 15 at 8:00pm **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv)*.

Wednesday, October 16 at 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION** w/County Council Chair Todd Turner at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

**This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held, call 301-474-8000.**

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Youth Advisory Committee

For more information: 301-474-8000

For City Information, Events, News and more visit [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov)

### CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

#### ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY EARLY VOTING or ABSENTEE VOTING. NO MORE EXCUSES!

#### SAMPLE BALLOT

- Judith F. Davis
- Emmett V. Jordan
- Edward V. J. Putens
- Rodney M. Roberts
- William A. Orleans
- Silke I. Pope
- Colin A. Byrd
- Leta M. Mach

#### EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

**Greenbelt Municipal Building** – (25 Crescent Road)

Saturday, October 12th, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and

Sunday, October 13th, 11 am – 2:00 pm

October 14th – November 1st:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

**Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse** – (6915 Hanover Parkway)

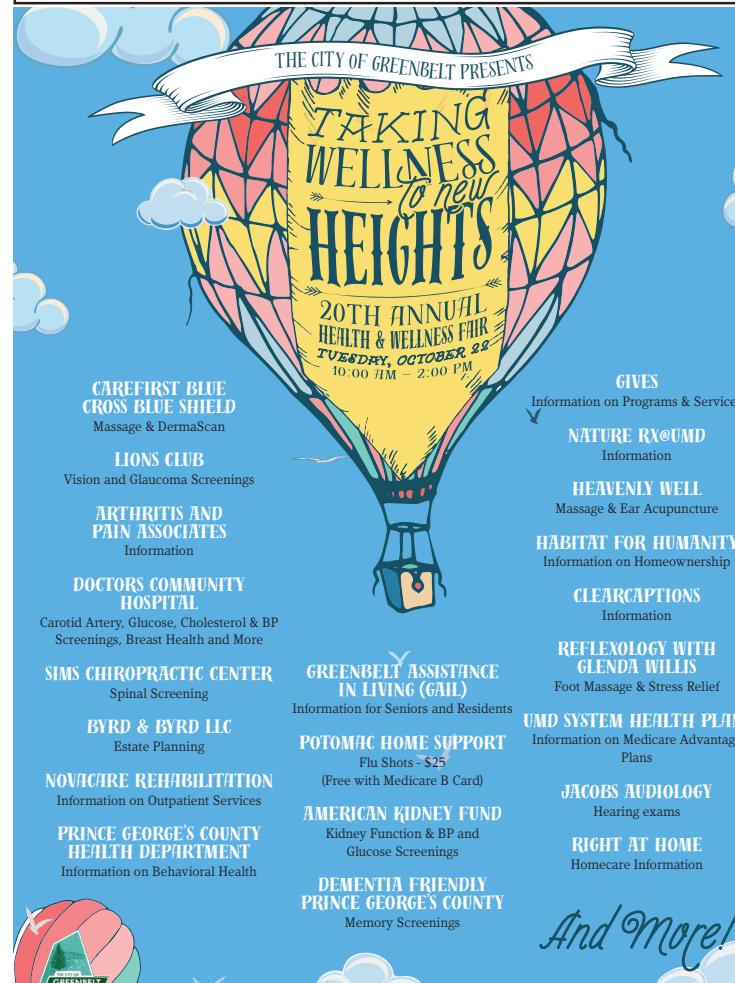
Saturday, October 19th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and

Sunday, October 20th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Springhill Lake Recreation Center** – (6101 Cherrywood Lane)

Saturday, October 26th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and

Sunday, October 27th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm



### NOTICE CONCERNING GREENBELT.COM

The City of Greenbelt will be taking over the domain name of [greenbeltdmd.gov](http://greenbeltdmd.gov). If you have any information, files, websites etc. you will need to back them up and migrate them to another server, as the City's security systems will not allow 3rd party websites. We are giving all users at least a month to do this.

If you have any concerns, contact Beverly Palau at [bpalau@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:bpalau@greenbeltdmd.gov). We will work with you to help make the transition. Thank you for your cooperation!

### FREE BABYSITTING COURSE

**Saturday, October 19, from 1:00 - 4:00pm**

Springhill Lake Rec. Center Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

The course is for students in grades 5-8 (ages 11-14). Students will learn responsibilities of watching children, as well as learn about resources like poison control, 911, police, and fire prevention.

Please call 301-345-6660 or email [jhering@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltdmd.gov) to register.

### SHREDDING DAY

**Saturday, October 19, 9 AM – 12 NOON (or until the truck is full)**

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway

Only 5 file boxes/bags per person. Must be present for shredding; abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the trash.

Personal records only (no business). No contaminants accepted. NO BATTERIES. No plastic binders and sheets. For more information, call 240-542-2153

### Parent Child Interaction Therapy

Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services

#### PCIT teaches parents how to:

- manage negative behaviors such as tantrums and non-compliance
- communicate with their child through play
- build a positive parent –child relationship
- and increase pro social behaviors



Interested in learning more?

Contact Greenbelt CARES at 301 345-6660 x2018

PCIT is free of charge to Prince George's county residents

### Greenbelt Lake Dam Improvements Underway

#### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Temporary Lake Path Closures
- Lower Lake Level (4 to 5 feet)
- Construction Equipment
- Construction Noise
- Strong Odor



Informational signs will be posted around the lake.

## ZONING continued from page 1

frequently asked questions.

Williams went on to state that in fulfilling its mandate of zoning for the 21st century, the county has developed a streamlined and concise plan explained in a "highly readable" document which described it as being couched in language comprehensible to ordinary people and not needing a lawyer for interpretation. The radical concept is that people should be able to look at the zoning map and understand immediately to what purposes any specific property can be put.

### Web-based Tool

Also available on the site is a tool, [zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/zoning-swipe-tool/](http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/zoning-swipe-tool/), that allows direct comparison of existing zones with the currently anticipated zones. By sliding the vertical bar to the left, the existing zoning is revealed; sliding the bar to the right shows the new zoning. A right click on any area of the map explains the color coding of each zone for new or old zones, depending on which is showing. The map is high resolution, allowing the examination of even the smallest parcels.

### Logical Framework

Williams averred that each new zone has a logical purpose and is in a logical and consistent framework. There are fewer zones and they are accompanied by high quality design standards that will apply across the county. These include green building design standards and open space set asides that will apply to most developments. Updates to existing zoning requirements like signage and parking will bring them "into the 21st century."

### Availability of Information

Councilmember Rodney Roberts noted that some Greenbelt East residents were concerned that housing density would get higher, although Williams rebutted this by saying that existing residential developments would not increase in density. Mayor

### Proposal Deadline Nears for GCF Grants

Since 2006, the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) has given over \$220,000 to 75 programs. Nonprofit organizations, cooperatives, churches, schools and any group with a tax-exempt status are eligible to apply for grants from \$500 to \$5,000. GCF funds programs and services that will enhance the cultural, artistic, recreational, social or environmental vitality of Greenbelt, impact residents in all parts of Greenbelt and can be completed in one year or less.

Tuesday, October 15 is the deadline for submission of proposals applying for funding.

A full description of eligibility criteria, application instructions and the application form can be found on our web site at [greenbeltfoundation.org](http://greenbeltfoundation.org). To apply, organizations are required to submit proposals by email to [greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com) by midnight on October 15.

### Repair Café

MakerSpace will hold a Repair Café on Saturday, October 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 114. Community members are encouraged to bring broken appliances, furniture, jewelry, toys, etcetera. Come learn how to repair broken stuff; volunteers welcome.

Pro Tem Judith Davis noted, however, that densities were already high, and though existing residential areas are unlikely to become higher density, she hypothesized that the bigger danger was that local commercial zoning would become mixed use – permitting the construction of dwellings in areas now specifically commercial, i.e. which exclude housing – effectively significantly increasing the number of dwellings that could be built in Greenbelt.

Williams mentioned that commercial sites under an acre that are surrounded by residential housing will map to a Commercial Neighborhood zone. Most strip malls are too big for this zone and will become a Commercial General Office (CGO) zoning. Roosevelt Center is too big, and is currently zoned Commercial Shopping Center and slated to become CGO (although Greenbelt's current zoning is governed by an overlay which is under discussion).

### Old Greenbelt

Much of the core of Greenbelt is currently covered by the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zones (NCOZ) designation. As stated in an article in the August 2, 2018, issue of this newspaper, "Of particular importance for Greenbelt is a determination on NCOZ. According to Division 27-4 Zones and Zone Regulations, the 'purpose of the Greenbelt NCOZ is to preserve the development characteristics of the Roosevelt-era New Deal greenbelt community in the city.'" Williams stated that the process of negotiating NCOZ will begin shortly and will include the cities of Greenbelt, Mount Rainier and possibly Bowie. The area under consideration in Greenbelt includes a variety of different property types and although Greenbelt shares some concerns with the other two cities, the issues and needs are not identical. The process will include an effort to identify what is unique to each city and what can be done in common. According to the interactive map, GHI townhomes are currently under the RT (Residential/Transitional) designation and will map to Residential Single Family – Attached (RSF-A).



The deadline for submitting proposals to GCF is

**October 15, 2019**

GCF gives grants from \$500 to \$5,000

Organizations serving the Greenbelt community are invited to apply for a one-year grant.

For the application form and instructions, please visit [Greenbeltfoundation.org/Grants/How to Apply](http://Greenbeltfoundation.org/Grants/How to Apply)



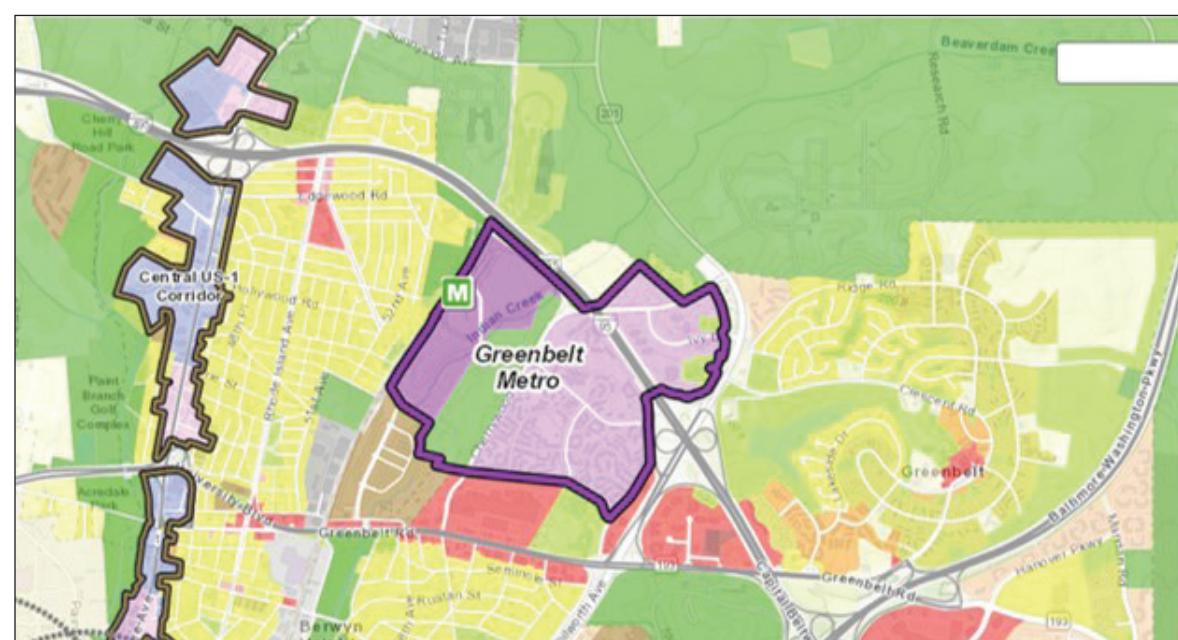
**Repair Café**  
Toss it? No way!

Saturday Oct. 19 from 10-4  
Greenbelt Makerspace in Greenbelt  
Community Center Room 114

Come learn how to repair your tired or broken stuff or help repair others' items (experienced and novice volunteers welcome). Bring your clothing, furniture, kitchen appliances, computers, jewelry, toys, etc. for the challenge of making it useful again.

[www.make125.org/things\\_to\\_do/repair-cafe](http://www.make125.org/things_to_do/repair-cafe)

Repairs are not guaranteed.



The online mapping tool illustrates both the new zoning (below) and the old zoning (above). By dragging the bar left to right, it is easy to see what's changing. A click on a property reveals the zoning applied to it with a short description of the category.

- Images courtesy of Prince George's County



### Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club meets every 1st, 3rd and 5th (if any) Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church. The next meeting will be October 16. Toastmasters provides a supportive environment for anyone interested in improving communication, public speaking or leadership skills. Learn more at [greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org](http://greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org).



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- **SUPPORTING** the WMATA trail extension at Greenbelt Station
- **IMPLEMENTING** connectivity solutions for all areas of the city
- **WORKING** to maintain Greenbelt's "green" legacy and to improve our aging infrastructure
- **PROTECTING** community programs and services for youth, seniors and all Greenbelt residents
- **COLLABORATING** on shared strategies for economic growth



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By the Authority of: Linda Ivy, Treasurer

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12-156 (d) which allows a state or federal agency to supersede the city in construction matters. Councilmember Judith Davis agreed but suggested reviewing the initial code for a possible legal reason for the language.

FPAB members Hoffmeister, Damian Ossi and Public Works Environmental Coordinator and group liaison, Jason Martin, credited A. Morton Thomas and Associates (AMT) for their input in clarifying and providing consistency to the revision. Hired by the city in June 2015, AMT has performed a consulting role for the FPAB in terms of the long- and short-term health of the FP, said Hoffmeister. Yet, there was disappointment over their failure to produce GPS coordinates of proposed problem areas after a recent leadership change, as well as disagreement about data related to tree species found in the FP.

The first set of FP guidelines were written in 2007. The new codes are the work of three years and were finally completed in 2019. They were renamed Stewardship Guidelines to reflect a new philosophy of forest management. AMT provided consultation, with the majority of the work credited to the existing FPAB.

Sections of the old guidelines were removed or renamed, with

other portions completely new. The present document is detailed and multifaceted, including: a history and overview of the FP and its tracts, ecosystem health, trails, invasive species, disturbances, wetlands, clean-up, enforcement and special events, specially managed areas, as well as a glossary of terms and an appendix of Ordinance No. 1279 related to the FP. It presents maps, assessments, descriptions and procedures.

Much discussion centered upon the distinction between the FP and the public parks. While the FP is intended for enjoyment by the public, its primary purpose is to create and sustain a vital and healthy ecosystem.

According to the Guidelines, trails will be officially designated and maintained to protect the health of the preserve, to be laid out in a forthcoming Master Trails Plan. Much was said about the issue of new trails being made by hikers, often due to obstacles, with mixed results for the environment, according to the Guidelines.

Activities prohibited in the preserve include: hunting, fishing, biking, dumping, poaching, clearing or pruning, camping and using fire. Many of these are considered civil infractions with a \$1,000 fine in some cases, while others are considered misdemeanors.



PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN

According to the newly edited Forest Preserve Code, Stewardship Guidelines and Health Assessment, the Greenbelt Forest Preserve is land "protected and conserved in their existing natural state, for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations, providing a link between residents of the city and nature."

ors. Council and the forest board encouraged the public to report violations to the Greenbelt Police.

Input from the worksession, as well as from the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Advisory Committee on Trees, will be integrated into both the Code and the Stewardship Guidelines. The revised Code will be presented and then later voted upon by the council. A public hearing, probably in November,

will be convened to consider the ratification of the Guidelines.

Regarding the Guidelines, Martin asserted that they "are options, not mandates. It is a toolkit for the future."

## City Notes

An Artful Afternoon was held Sunday at the Community Center. Activities included a performance of Faerie by Alight Dance Theater.

Tickets are now on sale for the next Empty Bowls fundraiser supporting community food assistance and other services. Organized by Greenbelt Pottery Group in partnership with the Greenbelt Community Church, the event takes place on Sunday, November 3 at the church with seating at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The Greenbelt Police Department participated in the National Walk to School Day with the Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Elementary schools.

Twelve cats, a dog, a rabbit and a turtle were housed. Two kittens were adopted.

Public Works cleaned storm drains throughout historic Greenbelt, performed landscape maintenance throughout the city and collected 28.23 tons of refuse and 12.08 tons of recycling material.

The fall session of youth swim lessons began Saturday, September 28. Lessons run from 8 a.m. to noon.

Planning is underway for the annual Festival of Lights.



## Beltway Plaza Mall Presents Wall of Fame Induction Honoring Local Hero Dr. Caitlin McGrath Executive Director of Old Greenbelt Theatre



Join us for a Reception and Light Refreshments  
Date: Friday, October 18, 2019 Time: 7 - 9 PM  
Location: Wall of Fame Hallway  
(Near TJ Maxx Entrance)

Dr. Caitlin McGrath is the founding Executive Director of the non-profit Friends of Greenbelt Theatre. The theatre shows contemporary films and offers diverse and community-based film programming. Dr. McGrath is also responsible for the creative programming, the revitalization and renovation of the theatre and the expansion into an adjacent micro cinema with a unique Beyond the Screen Initiative.

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**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**  
**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Thursday, October 17, 2019**  
GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

**A. GHI Special Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.00 p.m.**

- Approve Motion to hold an Executive Session Meeting on October 17, 2019

**B. GDC Executive Session Meeting – begins after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns**

- 2020-22 Landscape Maintenance Contract for Parkway Apartments

**C. GHI Executive Session Meeting – begins after the GDC Executive Session Meeting adjourns**

- Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on September 19, 2019
- Consider Approval of the following Contracts:
  - Contract for Preventive Maintenance Services to Mini-split HVAC Systems – second reading
  - 2019 Fall Concrete Repair Contract - second reading
  - Selection of an Independent Audit Firm for the 2019 External Audit - second reading
  - Concrete Repair Contract for Sites Identified during Spring 2019 -first reading
  - 2020-2022 Landscape Maintenance Contract– first reading
  - 2020-2022 Solid Waste Removal Contract – first reading
- Member Complaint Matters
- Member Financial Matters

**D. GHI Open Session Meeting – Begins at 7.45 p.m.**

- Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting held on September 19, 2019
- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting held on September 19, 2019
- Request to Install a 6'x10'x 8' Shed at 59-G Ridge Rd., that Requires an Exception to GHI Rules § IX.D.3 and § IX.C.1
- Request to Install 8'x12' shed on end side yard at 1-D Southway that requires an Exception to GHI Rule § IX.C.1
- Donation to the City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive
- Attorney's Opinion re: Remote Closings of a Unit Resale Transaction



To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
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(Primary Care and Family Medicine)  
2191 Defense Highway, Suite 201  
Crofton, Maryland 21114  
410-305-9622

**Doctors Community Practices at District Heights**  
(Primary Care and Family Medicine)  
6400 Marlboro Pike  
District Heights, Maryland 20747  
301-327-0953

**Doctors Community Practices at Laurel**  
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13900 Baltimore Avenue  
Laurel, Maryland 20707  
301-276-7396

**Doctors Community Practices at Riverdale**  
(Primary Care, Family Medicine and  
Endocrinology)  
6502 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 100  
Riverdale, Maryland 20737  
301-278-8637

**Doctors Community Practices at Temple Hills**  
(Primary Care and Family Medicine)  
5859 Allentown Way  
Temple Hills, Maryland 20728  
240-273-4826

**Metropolitan Medical Specialists**  
(Primary Care and Family Medicine)  
8116 Good Luck Road, Suite 300  
Lanham, Maryland 20706  
240-283-7158

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4101 Northview Drive  
Bowie, Maryland 20716  
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Co-op Month

## Members and Others Benefit From Our Local Cooperatives

by Leta Mach

*Co-op Month has been celebrated annually in October across the U.S. for more than half a century. It is a time for cooperatives to reflect on their shared principles and to educate others about the value of belonging to a cooperative. In honor of Co-op Month, here is the second of three co-op related articles to be published in the News Review.*

**Member Participation**

It is crucial to the success of a cooperative that members use its services. Using the local cooperative is also good for the local economy. For every \$100 spent locally, roughly \$68 to \$73 is returned to local activity because locally-owned businesses often purchase from other local businesses, service providers and farms. Purchasing local helps grow other businesses as well as the region's tax base.

As not-for-profit organizations, credit unions generally offer better rates than for-profit banks. Members of Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) can find affordable homes. Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy members receive an annual patronage dividend based on the financial performance of the store. Likewise, members of the Greenbelt News Review may receive a dividend that depends upon the financial success of the paper. The volunteer work of Greenbelt Nursery School members helps the school provide high-quality early childhood education at a moderate cost. Greenbelt MakerSpace Cooperative members save money by learning how to repair equipment.

**Education and Training**

Education, training and information is the principle that is crucial to the continued success of cooperative businesses. Greenbelt co-ops provide this in many ways with a highlight being participation in the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance to explain cooperative business to both co-op members and non-members. In addition to fulfilling its purpose of disseminating information,

the Greenbelt News Review also works with college interns to further their education. The Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy holds sampling of products and offers consumer information, including fact sheets and recipes. GHI sends email and printed newsletters and holds town hall meetings on relevant topics. The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union has financial counseling and education for members through GreenPath Financial Wellness and in its quarterly newsletters. The New Deal Café hosts the monthly Reel and Meal at the New Deal film series exploring vital environmental, animal rights and social justice issues followed by a discussion with experts and/or filmmakers on the subject of the film. The café is also a meeting place for city, county, legislative district and state elected officials to meet with constituents. Greenbelt MakerSpace holds regular sessions to help people learn how to repair equipment. And the purpose of Greenbelt Nursery School is to provide an enriching educational environment for young children and their parents.

**Parents Night Out**

Greenbelt Recreation Arts hosts a childcare art activity on the second Friday of every month. Drop the kids with us, then go have a relaxing night out. While parents are having dinner at their favorite restaurant, their children will enjoy art activities, a pizza dinner and a movie. Parents are welcome to drop their child(ren) off for all or part of the time. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. All children must be potty-trained to participate. Friday, October 11, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., ages 4 to 12. Advance registration required. For more information, contact Amanda Larsen at [alarsen@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:alarsen@greenbeltdmd.gov) or 240-542-2062.

## ERHS Homecoming Festivities End with Football Team Defeat

by Ivan Torres

Students, parents, residents and alumni gathered at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School football field on Friday, October 4 for the annual homecoming parade.

The parade is one event out of a week full of homecoming festivities in which Roosevelt students participate. Each day had its own theme. Monday was Manic Monday, Tuesday was Tie Dye Tuesday, Wednesday was Wild West Wednesday, Thursday was Nickelodeon Shows day and Friday was Class Color day.

The parade showcased student organizations from around the school such as JROTC, the Latin Honor Society, the K Club and all the representative class councils. As each organization one by one was announced on ERHS's new speaker system, each group walked around the track, flashed banners at the crowd and did chants featuring characteristics and traits of their group.

"The homecoming parade is my favorite event of the school year and as a senior, it was a bittersweet feeling that this is my last one," a representative from the senior class council stated.

"Class Color day is the most exciting Homecoming event because you have all the classes repping at the pep rally," said a sophomore JROTC cadet.

The homecoming football game immediately followed the parade to close this year's homecoming festivities. ERHS was defeated 42-14 by Oxon Hill High School.

**October Art Share**

Local artists are invited to meet up on Sunday, October 13 from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room 113 of the Community Center. This event is for teens and adults. Bring one to three pieces in any medium and join in a constructive and informal discussion of everyone's work. All experience levels welcome.



Eleanor Roosevelt High School clubs march in the homecoming parade.

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From left, Latin Honor Society members David Romero, Nathalie Trouba (riding in chariot), Min Nguyen and Michael Deras Gomez march in the ERHS homecoming parade.

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**NEWSPAPER PUBLIC NOTICE**

### Request for Public Input Concerning the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment Addressing the Removal of Buildings at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Eastern Business Service Center (EBSC) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) addressing the proposed removal of buildings at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) in Beltsville, Maryland. Demolition of these structures, many in severe disrepair, supports USDA's effort to reduce impact on the Chesapeake Bay Watershed by eliminating these impervious surfaces. BARC's MS4 Permit requires a 20-percent reduction of all impervious surface by 2025. In addition to reducing impervious surfaces, BARC is also looking to benefit by reducing facility maintenance costs, and by promoting BARC redevelopment necessary to support research opportunities.

The USDA invites the public, governmental agencies, and other interested parties to comment about the scope of the environmental review. The input received will help develop a staged plan for removal of buildings across the BARC facility and will also help assess the potential direct and indirect effects the proposed building demolition may have on BARC resources. Please provide comments in writing, within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice, as outlined below.

Submit written comments to:

Shari Cannon-Mackey, CEP, ENV SP, Burns & McDonnell, 8911 North Capital of Texas Highway, Building 3, Suite 3100, Austin, Texas 78759.

For further information, please contact:

Dana S. Jackson, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA Agricultural Resource Service, Beltsville Agricultural Resource Center, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, BLDG 426 BARC-EAST, Beltsville, Maryland 20705 or [dana.jackson@usda.gov](mailto:dana.jackson@usda.gov).

**Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance**

Celebrate Co-op Month 2019 in Greenbelt

Co-op Month will be celebrated throughout October with a GCA banner strung across some Greenbelt roads, a display in the Greenbelt Library, Co-op trivia slides shown in the Old Greenbelt Theatre, interviews with local co-ops aired by GATE and articles and event calendar in this paper.

**Wednesday October 16**

7-9 GHI Volunteer Appreciation Social (GHI) Trivia Night (NDC)

**Thursday October 17**

International Credit Union Day, Refreshments in the lobby (GFCU)

**Friday October 18**

4-7 pm Co-op Beer & Co-op Wine Tasting 4-7 (GCS&P)

**Saturday October 19**

9 am – noon Shredding Day (GFCU)

**Sunday October 20**

2-4 p.m. Annual Meeting (GNR)

**Thursday October 24**

9 am-9 pm One Day Meat Sale (GCS&P)

**Friday October 25**

4-7 pm Members Favorite Wine Tasting (GCS&P)

**Thursday October 31**

10:30 – 11:30 am Radio Show (NDC)

Abbreviations:

(GCA) Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance:

(GCS&P) Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy:

(GFCU) Greenbelt Federal Credit Union:

(GHI) Greenbelt Homes Inc.:

(GMS) Greenbelt Maker Space:

(GNS) Greenbelt Nursery School:

(GNR) Greenbelt News Review:

(NDC) New Deal Café.

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## Emmett Jordan and Rodney Roberts File for City Council

Incumbents Emmett Jordan and Rodney Roberts are the fifth and sixth candidates for city council to submit their biographies to this newspaper. Their nomination forms have been certified by City Clerk Bonita Anderson. Candidates' biographies are prepared by the candidates and will be published as they are received by the paper.

### Emmett V. Jordan

Emmett V. Jordan is serving in his third term as mayor and fifth term as a member of the Greenbelt City Council. A Greenbelt resident for 20 years, Jordan relocated to the area to work with the University of Maryland in 1998. Soon after, he moved to Greenbriar Condominiums, attracted by the convenient location and the many recreational amenities. In 2009, he became the first African-American to serve on city council.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, he studied liberal arts and music at Morehouse College and at the University of Cincinnati, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Administration. He earned additional graduate-level credits in Public Administration at Seton Hall University. Jordan participated in the UMD Legacy Leadership Institute on Municipal Government in 2009 and completed an Academy for Excellence in Local Governance Fellowship in 2011. He frequently attends workshops and conferences to expand his competencies.

Mayor Jordan has worked hard to develop productive relationships with surrounding municipalities, the county and our state and federal delegations. These relationships provide a platform to advocate for the best interests of Greenbelt. For the past six years, Jordan served on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Maryland Municipal League. He served as vice chair of the MML Legislative Committee and was president of the Prince George's County Municipal Association in 2013.

Jordan's career provides him with over 25 years of experience in project management: planning and implementing capacity building programs for organizations. He has worked with a variety of organizations including the Smithsonian Institution, University of Maryland and the United Negro College Fund. Since 2005, he has worked as an independent contractor, providing marketing and development services.

Prior to 2009, Jordan served on the city's Advisory Planning Board where he spearheaded the effort to create a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. He completed a four-year term in 2010 with the Greenbelt Community Foundation, serving as chair in 2014. He served on the Greenbriar Condominiums Association Phase I Board for five years beginning in 2004. From 2000 to 2005, he co-chaired the Urban Roundtable, an auxiliary of the Greater Washington Urban League (GWUL). Jordan still finds time to occasionally volunteer with various Greenbelt non-profit organizations.

An energetic and active person, Jordan enjoys attending concerts, art exhibits and cultural programs. His favorite pastimes include spending time outdoors around Greenbelt, playing tennis, bicycling and playing the guitar.

### Rodney M. Roberts

Rodney M. Roberts, 60 years old, is a life-long Greenbelter who lives with his wife, Tara. He attended Prince George's County schools, and was active in sports with the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. Roberts is sole proprietor of a small business that specializes in on-site repairs of various types of equipment and vehicles (21 years in business).

Roberts attended nearly every council meeting during his four years prior to being elected to city council in 1991, becoming known as an outspoken and effective community activist. During his 28 years on council, Roberts has never missed a council meeting.

Roberts volunteers his professional skills to groups such as Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange (GIVES) as well as individuals in need. When the New Deal Café was in danger of closing, Roberts worked with a small group of volunteers to install a commercial kitchen, giving the Café a new lease on life. It is now a thriving part of the Roosevelt Center. Roberts successfully fought efforts to demolish two single-family homes in Greenbelt, using his own funds and labor to do repairs on one. Both homes have been renovated and returned to use as beautiful and efficient homes.

In 1991, Roberts proposed, and worked through to implementation, a community policing program that included the city's first



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Emmett Jordan

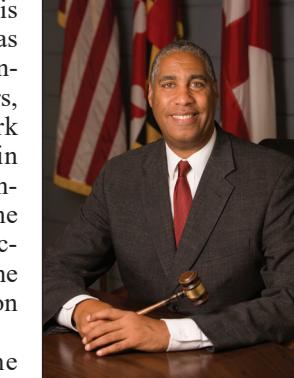


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### Absentee Voting

The first step in voting absentee is to apply for a ballot. The voter can print the application form from the city's website at [greenbeltdmd.gov](http://greenbeltdmd.gov), pick one up at the city clerk's office in the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road or call 301-474-8000 to have one mailed. In lieu of the form, a letter requesting an absentee ballot may be sent to the city clerk that includes the voter's full name, Greenbelt residence address, phone number and original signature.

Once received and filled out by the voter, the ballot can be returned by mail or in person. Applications for absentee ballots must be received no later than noon on Monday, November 4. In order to be counted, absentee ballots must be received by the city clerk no later than 6 p.m. on Election Day, November 5. Once an absentee ballot has been issued, the voter may vote in that election only by using the absentee ballot.

Military service members, their families and other U.S.

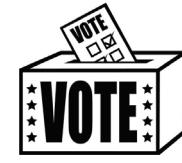
citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application to request an absentee ballot for a city election.

### Early Voting

Early voting will be held on different days in Greenbelt West, Greenbelt East and Center City, but qualified city voters are welcome to vote at any of these locations, no matter where in the city they live.

Center City: Early voting will open on Saturday, October 12 in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. On weekdays, voting will be held at the Municipal Building from Monday, October 14 through Friday, November 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours on Tuesdays until 8 p.m.

Greenbelt East: Voting will be held at the clubhouse at Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway, on Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sunday, October 20 from 11 a.m.



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### Clinic Helps Dispel Child Fears of Doctor Visits

PM Pediatrics, the nation's largest provider of pediatric urgent care, will host a Teddy Bear Clinic on Saturday, October 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help dispel children's potential fear of a visit to the doctor. The PM Pediatrics office is located at 7401 Greenbelt Road.

Children are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal or doll for a routine medical exam where a friendly doctor will take height and weight measurements, examine eyes, ears, heart and lung function and more. The clinics, sponsored by Amerigroup, are designed to help kids understand that a visit to the doctor is not only painless but can also be fun.

Established in 2005, PM Pediatrics is the nation's largest provider of specialized pediatric urgent care. Each state-of-the-art practice is staffed by pediatric emergency specialists, including board-certified pediatric emergency physicians and pediatricians, and features an onsite digital x-ray and lab. Unlike traditional urgent care practices, PM Pediatrics treats children and young adults, exclusively.

Registration is required at [pmhealthfair.eventbrite.com](http://pmhealthfair.eventbrite.com). For more information, call 301-982-5437.

Join us to celebrate  
Co-op Month!

### Greenbelt Federal Credit Union

October 11<sup>th</sup> thru October 26<sup>th</sup>

Fall Auto Sale  
Rates as low as 2.74% apr

October 17<sup>th</sup> - Thursday- International Credit Union Day. Refreshments will be served in the lobby.

Join Us to meet & greet our new CEO.  
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October 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday- Shred Day  
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Visit our new website [www.greenbeltfcu.com](http://www.greenbeltfcu.com)  
APR- Annual Percentage Rate. Rate subject to change without notice. Rate based on credit.

## Greenbelt Community Foundation Showcase 2019

**Sunday, October 27 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

**Greenbelt American Legion Banquet Hall, 6900 Greenbelt Road**

Enjoy dance, music, movies, art, light refreshments.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person available on [greenbeltfoundation.org](http://greenbeltfoundation.org)

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## Key Issues?: Candidates' Answers to Question 2

Each week of October, the News Review will be publishing answers to questions posed by the paper. This week, we are publishing council candidates' answers to the question, What do you think are the key issues facing Greenbelt? The answers are listed randomly. Not all of the candidates responded with answers to this question. Next week's question, to be published in the October 17 issue is: How would you increase civic participation in city government? We ask candidates to submit their answers to the News Review offices by 8 p.m. on the Monday preceding the question's publication date, preferably by email to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com). We will limit answers to 250 words.

**Silke Pope**

I feel there are several key issues in the city involving infrastructure, housing and transportation.

Our city infrastructure is aging, requiring repairs and improvements. It is imperative that we keep our buildings modernized, attractive, fully functional and safe for our residents, visitors and employees.

The current Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad facility is in dire need of replacement. The City must find a location for a new and expanded facility. The Greenbelt Police Station has an extreme space shortage and will require expansion in the future in order to allow for departmental growth and expansion of services.

Our pride and joy, the Greenbelt Community Center, requires lots of tender loving care. And, our municipal building, recreation centers, tennis courts, sidewalks, streets, bus shelters and our dog park all need upgrades and renovations. One study indicated we would need over four million dollars to renovate and repair city buildings and park facilities. This amount does not include on-going repairs to the Greenbelt Lake Dam, a costly state mandated project.

The WMATA trail project was originally promised by the developer of Greenbelt Station. That promise has not been fulfilled. The city has decided to ensure this project is completed for our Greenbelt Station residents in order to provide access to the Greenbelt Metro Station.

Lastly, the city requires more housing options for seniors and workforce/mixed income families. Greenbelt must remain a welcoming and affordable place for all.

These are just a few of the key issues.

**Bill Orleans**

The key issues facing us today are climate change, justice and democracy.

For democracy to thrive, the people must lead. Those we elect must consider and vote and we must hold the electeds accountable. If the people do not hold them accountable, democracy withers and may not survive.

The key issue, on a range of public policy questions, is the number of federal, state, county and municipal electeds who are unresponsive to the public interest. They are responsive more so to private interests. [Asserting a democratic principle, that the public interest always trumps property rights.]

Two weeks ago in Greenbelt, the rarely seen 38-year incumbent, Steny Hoyer, said he favored Medicare for All but opposed the bill and that he favored a Green New Deal, but opposed the resolution. We should hold

Steny accountable for not supporting the introduction and debate of such legislation.

Similarly, the 22nd District team (Pinsky, Healey, Gaines, Washington) all have supported, though not uniformly, progressive legislation. They also have reelected their respective chamber's "leaders" opposed to such legislation and have chosen not to exercise their chamber's rules to overcome their chamber's "leaders'" opposition.

Similarly, District Four County Council Member and current Chair, Todd Turner, accepts the practice of deference to others on council, supporting misplaced development within their districts, and opposes small donor public financing for county office.

If we in Greenbelt don't change to a more participatory climate from Greenbelt council, how can we hope to avert more catastrophic change beyond?

**Colin Byrd**

I will be succinct – I think some of the biggest issues facing Greenbelt are opposing the maglev; crime and public safety; expanding recreation and the arts; beautification by removing trash and litter; advocating for residents across the city from various racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds in Old Greenbelt, Greenbelt West and Greenbelt East; and thoughtfully reviewing development proposals to make sure nothing happens that is adverse to the interests of the people of Greenbelt.

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## Re-elect Judith F. 'J' Davis

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*Early Voting Begins Saturday Oct. 12*

Questions? Concerns? Contact J at [jfintakdavis@aol.com](mailto:jfintakdavis@aol.com)

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drop out. She said she will run again in two years.

Each candidate had a couple of minutes at the beginning and end of the session to comment on his or her candidacy and to express his or her position on maglev, a high-speed rail project linking D.C. and Baltimore that would run through Greenbelt. Currently, the Federal Railroad Administration and the Maryland Department of Transportation are putting together an Environmental Impact Statement on the project. All eight candidates unequivocally voiced opposition.

Jordan says he is a good listener who is willing to listen to developers on a council he thinks has a reputation of being tough on businesses, to the point that "builders may not come and talk to us about projects that should be here . . . we have to be open to talking to people."

Putens emphasized throughout the night his ongoing work in compiling a list of suitable lawyers for the city to fight the maglev.

Roberts cited his willingness to disagree with the council status quo, especially on issues relating to "protecting our environment [and] protecting our homes. I try to always get along with people and treat people with respect," Roberts said. "But I have my own mind and I owe it to the people who elected me to stick by it."

Davis pointed to her extensive resume and attention to detail as traits that set her apart.

Pope emphasized her commitment to community involvement and willingness to work hard and learn about the issues that come before council.

Byrd sells himself as "the guy for constituent responsiveness," pointing to the campaign slogan he used two years ago: "Vote for Byrd. Your voice will be heard."

Mach says she is a candidate who "believe[s] in listening, working hard and life-long learning." She emphasized a national security aspect to maglev opposition. "The best way to fight this boondoggle is to alert everyone to the danger to our national security from maglev," Mach said. "This threat is so serious

that I am committed to doing whatever it takes and spending whatever money we must to stop the maglev."

Orleans says he is a habitual candidate, running to challenge the establishment politics. He says he is "running to make the point that it's easy to do" and does not expect to win the election.

"Were I to be elected," Orleans said. "the shock would probably kill me." He added that in this scenario the council's remaining six members would have the authority to replace him with someone of their choosing – he would rather see a special election take place in that scenario. That is just one change Orleans would like to see.

If he won (and survived the shock) Orleans asserts that he would challenge the presider – currently Mayor Emmett Jordan – by asking for a division of council in cases of disagreement, to document the dissent so that the public could see who wanted more public discussion on a matter. He says this is lacking on the current council.

"Council consists . . . of mostly sycophants," Orleans said, "who will virtually always agree with . . . the presider."

He did except two council-members – Roberts and Byrd –

from his full criticism, describing them only as "half-sycophants."

However, much of Orleans's opposition agreed with his sentiment that more challengers should run. "Some change is a good thing," Jordan said. "I wish that more people would run for council."

Further, there was clear push-back on many of Orleans's, and others, criticisms. "It's very easy to criticize somebody . . . but come and step into our shoes," Pope said. "All of us, we each have a voice and that's how we make our decisions."

Councilmembers' commitment to stopping the maglev also came into question.

"I'm getting the presumption from a few of [the councilmembers] that it's not in our hands, we can't do it alone. That's not true. They can. They want us to do the work for us so that they're alleviated from the responsibility," Bacchus said. "They don't want to push, really. I know most of them will not."

Of the councilmembers, Bacchus said she believes Roberts is willing to push back the furthest on the maglev.

Early voting begins Saturday, October 12 and the regular election is on November 5. This is the first year that 16- and 17-year-olds can vote in the election.

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bicycle patrols, to foster a better relationship between citizens and police.

Roberts was a leader in the citizen movement that resulted in the City's acquisition of 184 acres of woodland, part of the original "Green Belt." Roberts continued advocacy resulted in the 2003 passage of a city ordinance establishing a Greenbelt Forest Preserve consisting initially of 225 acres.

Roberts testifies on behalf of the city before state and county officials concerning development, transportation, recreational, environmental and fiscal issues. In 2004, his testimony secured \$648,000 in Open Space Funds for the purchase of 10 acres known as the Sunrise Property in Greenbelt East, one of Greenbelt's newest forest preserves. Roberts consistently opposed yearly tax increases for non-essential hiring and other items. Roberts is one of the longest serving members of the Washington Council of Government's Transportation Planning Board, with nearly 28 years of service. He is also city liaison to the Youth Advisory Board and Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Roberts is a member and former chair of the Committee to Save the Green Belt and a founding member of the Greenbelt Foundation for the Arts.

J is opposed to the Maglev and Beltway widening and supports the ULI concept plan that improves Greenbelt Rd.

J promoted Greenbelt to once again earn a Sustainable Maryland Certified City designation

J pushed for installation of electric vehicle chargers in City parking lots

J also urged establishing a Greenbelt Renters Tax Credit that piggybacks on the County's program

J instituted regular meetings with important City Stakeholders, such as GEAC, GHI, PEPCO and WMATA

J was instrumental in convincing the State to set aside the forested wetland area, 1/3 of the Greenbelt Metro site

J brought the idea to hold a Naturalization Ceremony in Greenbelt

**Judith Davis**

# New Gender Option Available On Maryland Driver's Licenses

by Karen L. Knee

On October 1, Maryland joined 12 other states and the District of Columbia in offering a third gender option, in addition to M for male or F for female, on driver's licenses. The new option, X, indicates "unspecified or other," and is expected to be selected primarily by non-binary Marylanders. An estimated 20,000 Maryland residents identify as non-binary rather than male or female, based on data drawn from the 2015 United States Trans Survey.

The Motor Vehicles Administration (MVA) introduced the X gender marker as the result of a law passed by the Maryland General Assembly in March, 2019. This law marks the first time the State of Maryland has allowed residents to obtain government-issued identification reflecting a non-traditional gender identity. The new law also allows anyone to choose any of the three gender options without providing a court order or other documentation such as letters from medical providers.

At least 15 transgender and non-binary Marylanders gathered at the Glen Burnie MVA branch early on October 1 to update the information on their driver's licenses as part of an event organized by Trans Healthcare MD and the Baltimore Transgender Alliance.

Among those in line when the MVA opened was Greenbelt resident C.P. Hoffman, a staff attorney at FreeState Justice, a Baltimore-based legal advocacy organization for LGBTQ+ Marylanders.

"Having an ID that reflects who you are isn't just about being recognized and having your human dignity respected, it's also about safety," said Hoffman. "An incorrect gender on your ID can create a lot of unsafe situations because we're asked to present identification all the time."

For example, if a person who looks like a woman presents a driver's license with an M to a security guard, the ensuing confusion can draw unwanted attention from others in line and possibly even lead to other problems.

Marylanders wishing to change the gender on their driver's license under the new law can do so at any full-service MVA branch. The closest one to Greenbelt is located at 11760 Baltimore Avenue in Beltsville.

## Riversdale Celebrates Fall the Belgian Way

On Saturday, October 12 from noon to 4 p.m. Riversdale House Museum invites everyone to enjoy a Belgian Fall Fest, in partnership with the Embassy of Belgium. Enjoy an afternoon of food, music, children's activities and more on the grounds of this national historic landmark.

In honor of Mrs. Calvert's homeland and her favorite season, Riversdale Belgian Fall Fest will feature traditional Belgian food and drinks. Children will enjoy screenings of the Smurfs, arts and crafts and historic games. Self-guided tours of the mansion will be available. Admission is free but there is a fee for food and beverage tickets.



Lee Blinder of Trans Healthcare MD (left) and Greenbelter C.P. Hoffman get "X" driver's licenses at the Glen Burnie MVA on Tuesday, October 1.

Before heading to the MVA, people should check whether their old ID was Real ID compliant by using the lookup tool ([mva.maryland.gov/realid/realidlookup.htm](http://mva.maryland.gov/realid/realidlookup.htm)). If not, they must update to a Real ID when changing the gender option on their license. To do this, they will need to provide documents proving their

age, identity and address, as well as their Social Security number. Anyone who has previously changed their name may also be required to bring copies of their court orders, marriage certificates or other documents. More information is available at the lookup tool website.

## Del. Gaines Resigns, Charged With Campaign Finance Fraud

by Lesley Kash

Tawanna Gaines, Maryland State Delegate for District 22, has resigned after a federal wire fraud charge was filed against her on Monday, October 7.

The criminal information alleges that from at least January 2015 through April 2018, Gaines defrauded the campaign and its contributors of more than \$22,000, according to a press release from the Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office.

Gaines is scheduled to appear and be arraigned within the week before U.S. District Judge Theodore Chuang at the Federal Courthouse in Greenbelt, according to the Associated Press. If convicted, she could face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

The U.S. Attorney's Maryland District Office press release reported that Gaines allegedly accepted undisclosed electronic donations from campaign contributors into the Friends of Tawanna P. Gaines PayPal account, then converted them to her own use.

Senator Paul Pinsky, also a representative of Prince George's County, was surprised by the allegation of campaign finance impropriety, according to the Washington Post. "She has probably been one of the least-prolific fundraisers," said Pinsky. Yet Gaines was cited more than a dozen times since 2006 and fined more than \$2,000 for errors in campaign finance reports, late fil-

ing and not responding to audits.

A delegate since 2001, Gaines has served as vice chair of the Appropriations Committee and assistant majority leader. She was recently appointed by House Speaker Adrienne Jones to replace Jones as chair of a budget subcommittee. Previously, Gaines was a council member and then mayor of Berwyn Heights.

Governor Larry Hogan, in accordance with the Maryland State Constitution, will appoint Gaines' replacement from among names submitted within 30 days by the Democratic Central Committee. Among likely nominees is Nicole A. Williams, an attorney and former member of the Central Committee who ran unsuccessfully for the House in the 2018 Democratic primary.

## Two Breast Cancer Support Groups

On Tuesday, October 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will hold breast cancer support groups for men and women. The group for male caregivers is facilitated by men whose loved ones are breast cancer survivors. The second group is for women who are newly diagnosed or recovering from breast cancer. Registration is required. Men should call 301-552-8673 and women should call 240-542-3034 or visit [DCHweb.org/breast](http://DCHweb.org/breast).

## Re-elect Leta Mach

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Advocated for the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL)

Insisted the city establish a Living Wage policy  
Spearheaded the city's designation as a charter Playful City USA and the MML Geocache trail

### ✓ Knowledgeable

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By authority of Jill Stevenson, Treasurer

# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department,  
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 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Shooting

September 25, 10:10 p.m., 6800 block Hanover Parkway. Shell casings were located in an area after officers responded to a report of shots fired. A short time later a man with a gunshot wound walked into Doctors Community Hospital. A witness said he was walking to a vehicle in the 6800 block Hanover Parkway when he exchanged words with a person he did not know. As the man got into the car of the witness, he heard several gunshots. They both fled in the vehicle, at which time one of the men said he had been shot. The driver then drove him to the hospital for treatment of serious but not life-threatening injuries.

## Assault

September 27, 10:14 p.m., 4 Court Gardenway. A 22-year-old resident was arrested and charged with four counts of first degree assault, four counts of reckless endangerment, possession of a stolen firearm, possession of a handgun, possession of heroin and other charges by officers who responded to a report of a person with an open arrest warrant. She pulled out a handgun when encountered by several officers and was disarmed and taken into custody. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Reckless Endangerment

September 30, 7:22 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. Officers responded to a report of the sound of gunshots. A witness said he saw a man fire several shots from what appeared to be a handgun toward the Spellman Overpass, and then flee on foot. There were no injuries and the investigation is ongoing.

## Fraud

October 1, 9:30 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 45-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with use of fraudulent identification, identity theft, attempted theft, possession of a fraudulent government identification and other charges after he attempted to withdraw money using fraudulent identification at Capital One Bank. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Theft

September 29, 4 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended cell phone was taken from a shopping cart at Dollar Tree.

October 1, 7:10 p.m., 7200 block Mandan Road. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence on September 24.

October 1, 9 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A package was

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## GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

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### Leta Mach

In many respects the key issues facing Greenbelt come from outside the city. It is unfortunate that Greenbelt does not have planning and zoning authority. This requires citizens, council and staff to keep a close eye on the actions of county, state and national governments.

Maglev and the potential widening of the Beltway are the most crucial issues facing Greenbelt. There is no question that maglev is bad for our city and bad for the country. It will be too expensive for most people to use, destroy many of our homes and most concerning of all is a national security threat when it comes near the National Security Agency.

We also need to foster economic development while supporting local businesses including cooperatives. This includes exploring best uses for the Greenbelt Metro Station site, supporting the Friends of the Greenbelt Theater as their programming enhances the vitality of Roosevelt Center and carefully evaluating proposed redevelopment of Beltway Plaza and other new development proposals.

We need to do our part to address climate change by implementing more of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan and the Sustainability Plan, improve access to public transportation and open a pedestrian trail between the Greenbelt Station neighborhood and the Metro Station.

While addressing these key issues, it is important to undertake these activities in a spirit of respect and cooperation. The council and citizens must work together to see that the unfortunate, reprehensible tone of discourse that exists in many areas does not infect Greenbelt.

### Rodney Roberts

My answer to question #1 pointed out how Greenbelt's original plan provided a high quality of life for children in Greenbelt. As I grew into a young adult, Greenbelt didn't let me down. At 17, bringing home just \$75 per week, I was able to afford my own apartment on Parkway near the Center. At age 27, I wanted to move on to home ownership. Earning about \$32K per year, with a lot of overtime, I set out looking for a home.

Looking in Greenbelt, Beltsville and the surrounding area, there were no single family homes I could afford. I could not even afford a GHI brick or block unit. The good old GHI frame homes came to the rescue. I was able to purchase a two bedroom frame unit with an attached boiler room for \$39K. 32 years later, I still own my frame home and hope I never have to give it up. I'm not alone I know that thousands of young people have been able to break into home ownership because of the affordability of GHI.

Unfortunately, there are those who want to tear down our GHI frame homes and replace them with high density housing. Protecting Greenbelt's inherent quality of life and our existing affordable housing may be our largest challenge.

### Emmett Jordan

I am running for re-election to city council to continue working on the many crucial issues facing Greenbelt. My greatest concerns are related to sustainability. We

simply cannot afford to be reactive about shaping our future.

Environmental sustainability is a matter of utmost importance. We must continue to reduce our impact on the environment. As always, I will continue to strongly support the actions taken and contemplated by council and Greenbelt residents to proactively address our environmental resilience and will actively advocate with our county, state and federal representatives to do more.

However, my greatest concerns have to do with the economic sustainability of our city. Community and economic development activities, for the first time, are being implemented by staff hired to work with local businesses. Attracting new business activities to Greenbelt is essential for creating jobs and expanding the commercial tax base. Our viability depends on reducing our dependence on the residential tax base.

At the same time, careful stewardship of Roosevelt Center and historic Greenbelt will be required with the implementation of the County Zoning Re-rewrite and the drafting of a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone for approval.

We must also prioritize investments in Greenbelt West/Greenbelt Station. We must complete the connecting path to the Metro Station as soon as possible and provide additional resources for recreational activities.

Our sustainability is based upon the passage of fiscally responsible budgets with sufficient funding for investment in the city's aging infrastructure and the maintenance of adequate reserves for unforeseen future needs.

### Judith Davis

Many issues lie ahead for the new council. Overarching everything will be the development of a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone to protect Historic Greenbelt's unique character. Also important, council needs to prepare legal action to oppose the maglev while continuing to oppose any Beltway widening. It must maintain control over any deployment of small cell towers in the city. Council must work with WMATA to finish the bike/pedestrian path connecting Greenbelt Station to Metro.

Economic development that is appropriate and beneficial to Greenbelt must also be discussed and strategies produced. Acreage around the Metro Station and Beltway Plaza provides opportunities for positive mixed-use development.

Now that there is an assessment of the city's aging infrastructure, priorities need to be set and an adequate reserve funded for renovation/replacement. Street trees must be included. Enhanced recreational amenities are needed in Greenbelt West.

The city must work with the State Highway Administration to improve conditions on Greenbelt Road by incorporating concepts from the ULI Study. Renovation of the Buddy Attick Park parking lot, that includes many "green" features, needs to be completed.

Many studies and surveys have been conducted in past years. The council, staff and our citizens must work closely together to budget improvements suggested in the Forest Preserve Stewardship Guidelines, the Se-

nior Mobility and Accessibility Study, the PSAC security camera report, the Recreation Master Plan Study, and others.

I have the experience, knowledge and open-mindedness necessary to find the best ways to resolve these issues for Greenbelt and the diverse needs of our citizenry.

### Ed Putens

This election, I invited residents living in each part of our city to participate and provide a response to the question as it impacts them.

#### Resident comments:

Greenbelt East: maglev. The city needs to take the lead. Damage to homes, destruction of foundations and stability of buildings. Increased violent crimes and vandalism to property. Greenbelt Center: What are the City's plans for the future of Roosevelt Center?

Greenbelt West: Parking and the trail to Metro. Recreational amenities. Affordable housing and strengthening the local economy.

I believe everyone would agree the issues above require the city's attention.

My long-standing priority is public safety. Our police are doing a great job in reducing our crime rate. Immediate concern is the recent increase of violent crime in Greenbelt East, specifically shootings. Of course, the other immediate concern is the maglev and its impact on our homes and community.

Second, completing the path from Greenbelt Station to Greenbelt Metro is a high priority as well as planning for recreational amenities. Don't forget about the school boundary issue.

There is still a need for another dog park somewhere in the city beside the current one on Hanover Parkway. While we consider further alternatives, I think we've come to a consensus from our last worksession that we need to expand and add the necessary amenities to our existing dog park. Adding availability of clean water, expanding secure areas to accommodate smaller dogs, annual licenses, and security measures, such as cameras, to name a few.



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# Sports

## ERHS Girls Volleyball Team Serves Up Success

by Coach Scott Fifield

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School girls volleyball team is off to a 6 and 2 start. Outside hitter Jourdan Page leads the team with 65 kills on the season (43 percent of the team's kills) and is second in aces and digs. Last week's match against Holy Cross didn't go as planned. After raising their level of play earlier in the season against Northern (Calvert County), Holy Cross controlled last week's match beginning to end. But the Raiders bounced

back with two wins later in the week including a 3-0 win over Douglass in the opening match in the new Brown Division (the top eight teams over the last two seasons).

On Tuesday, October 15, Roosevelt will host Bowie in the annual Dig Pink match. Come early and buy some baked goods as the team raises money for breast cancer research. The JV match begins at 5:30 p.m. and varsity at 6:30 p.m.



Sophomore middle hitter Tiola Adelekan beats the Crossland blocker to the ball.

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## Shots Fired: ERHS Cancels After-school Activities

by Fatemeh Paryavi

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Principal Reginald McNeill canceled all after-school activities and a game scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, after the Greenbelt Police Department reported that gunshots had been heard in the 7800 block of Mandan Road.

McNeill emailed the News Review that he had canceled after-school activities as a precaution.

The principal also sent a letter to parents and guardians of

ERHS students informing them of the cancellation and emphasizing the safety of the students.

George Mathews, the Greenbelt Police spokesperson, said bullet casings were found but nobody had been shot. Detectives are actively investigating the case.

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# D.C. Area Music Shamans Play at Greenbelt JazzFest

by David Blumberg

Music filled the crisp fall air this past Saturday at the Greenbelt JazzFest at Roosevelt Center. Seven acts took the stage throughout the day playing everything from blues to soul.

The festival focused on local talent with all performers being based in the D.C. area. Greg Meyer and Pete Reppert served as co-organizers and also performed on Saturday evening. Meyer performed a set of jazz, funk and blues standards with his band Rumpus for the outdoor crowd in the plaza.

Some decided to get up and move to the music. Jamie Voytsehovska was sitting at a table nearby when she decided to get up and dance.

"No one was dancing and so I thought I'd get up and dance," Voytsehovska said. Several others joined her to dance together in the plaza. Their dancing embodied the spirit of JazzFest, bringing together community members young and old to enjoy great music.

Meyer spoke to this idea following his set with Rumpus. "I believe it's a good community event," Meyer said. "It's like musicians are shamans, you know. It's like we're tuned into something and we're trying to communicate to the rest of the tribe, you know?"

Performers came from a variety of musical backgrounds.

Shari Wright opened the evening at the New Deal Café. She was accompanied by Reppert, the house pianist. Wright originally trained as a classical singer before turning to the work of Duke Ellington and his contemporaries roughly a decade ago.

Others, like Meyer, have been playing jazz for most of their lives. "I've been playing jazz ... since I was about 15 years old," Meyer said.

The performers' love of jazz was evident.

"It's the expression, the ability to express and communicate ideas to other people," Meyer said. "It's communication with the other band members and the spontaneity of the thing."

The banter and chemistry between the performers also put the crowd at ease. Meyer cracked jokes to his audience in between songs.

He pointed out that Rumpus was a new quintet for him and the band members. He said, "This is actually our first gig," putting on a wry smile as the audience laughed.

Reppert similarly set the tone for his and Wright's performance by announcing her as the "One



Pete Reppert, co-organizer of JazzFest, prepares to perform.



Greg Meyer performs with Rumpus on the Roosevelt Center stage.



Jamie Voytsehovska dances to the funk stylings of Greg Meyer and Rumpus.

- Photos by David Blumberg

and only diva." Wright shot back that she may not be the only diva but she is one of them.

Meyer said he has a goal for JazzFest both now and in the

future: "Keepin' it alive and getting the message out to people and trying to solicit other people who wanna play, encourage them to play."

## Walk to School Day Promotes Pedestrian Safety at SHLES

by Fatemeh Paryavi

As they held hands and laughed with friends, students from the Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHLES) walked to school on the annual Walk to School Day with the Greenbelt Police Department on Wednesday, October 2.

Chris Wichtendahl, the special education coordinator at SHLES, said that the annual event has been around for at least 15 years. She said that the school's relationship with the Greenbelt police prompted the school's participation in the event.

"We usually meet up at Belway Plaza by Planet Fitness, and then the police organize it and the students and teachers walk to school," she said.

George Mathews, Greenbelt police public information liaison, said that the event is a great way to make drivers aware of pedestrians crossing the road. He said that it also helps build a good relationship between the children

and the police. Although the annual Walk to School Day is celebrated across the world and promotes different components of school life, "because we have so many walkers, we look at it as pedestrian safety day for school," he said.

Trena Wilson, the principal at SHLES, said that although she has been in Prince George's County for 21 years, this was her first time participating in the Walk to School Day, as she has recently joined SHLES. She mentioned that the previous school she worked at did not host the event.

When asked about her thoughts on the annual event, she said, "I think it's a great idea. I'm so glad we had so much support from the community: our police officers, our firefighters, so many of our teachers. It just gives a sense of community and connecting. Most of our students regularly walk to school."



The crossing guard high-fives students as they near the school on Wednesday, October 2.



Police officers escort students, faculty and parents to Springhill Lake Elementary on Walk to School Day.

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